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## Cleveland, Shaker settle lake lease talks

BY VARUNI KONDAGUNTA  
Staff Reporter

Shaker Heights ended negotiations with the city of Cleveland on Feb. 27, reaching an agreement over the lease of the Shaker Lakes.

The agreement was reached just minutes before Shaker's 4:30 p.m. deadline for filing an injunction protesting the incorporation of Warrensville Township, an action which could have put a damper on the multi-million dollar Figgie International Inc. developmental project.

The incorporation of Warrensville Township to become Highland Hills Village is the first step towards the construction of the 3.2 million square foot complex proposed by Figgie, a fortune 500 company. With city interests at stake, according to officials, Shaker threatment concerning the Shaker Lakes was reached.

The Shaker Lakes are owned by the City of Cleveland, which has leased the park lands to Shaker and Cleveland Heights for the past 88 years for a fee of \$1 per year.

After the original lease expired in 1967, Cleveland refused to extend the lease for a long term basis, opting, instead, to renew the lease from year to year.

Assistant Director of law for the City of

approved by Cleveland City Council by vote, grants Shaker the use of the lakes next 50 years with an optional 50 year sion.

"The lease basically requires Shaker to maintain and be responsible for any environmental problems that may occur," explained Silliman. "The lakes must be open for the recreational use of everyone, regardless of their place of residence."

According to Rosemary Herple, Shaker's director of public relations, the city of Shaker has spent approximately \$100,000 per year of the park lands.

Herple added that currently, such maintenance includes mowing the lawns, and keeping the lakes filled with algae-consuming fish.

"Cleveland wanted maintenance language in the contract. We had to work it out so they would not ask us to do more

to make sure that our maintenance costs only increased according to inflation and that we would have no new [maintenance] requirements."

The negotiations between Shaker and Cleveland were

marred by tension between the cities over the issue of Shaker's traffic diverters.

The diverters, found at the Shaker-Cleveland border at Avalon and Ingleside (Continued on page 3)



**GEESSE HUNTING SEASON.** Caught in the middle of the Figgie controversy were the Nature Center and Marshall Lake. After the settlement, the leases have been renewed. The Duck Pond, pictured here, was not involved. Photo by Evan Weinstein.

## Faculty more involved in district policy changes

BY JEREMY KAHN  
Staff Reporter

Faculty committees have been established at the high school and middle school to further involve teachers in the instructional improvement efforts of the district and to address issues that cut across departmental lines.

"Issues such as level weighting are not just departmental issues," science department head David McNamara said.

"It is not a subject or curricular decision for just one department, but a more broad-based issue."

According to a faculty briefing on the committees, the goals of the faculty committees are essentially five fold:

- To enhance faculty involvement and decision-making in the educational improvement efforts of the Shaker schools.
- To identify and implement plans necessary to resolve educational issues confronting the school district and specific buildings.
- To increase communication and rapport between the faculty and administrators.
- To improve the curriculum guidelines.
- To heighten morale within the school district.

These goals according to the briefing "reflect one of the school district's central goals: To foster greater respect for teaching and learning."

McNamara said that he is "hopeful that the whole process will be successful."

The idea, which is referred to as faculty empowerment, is putting the management of the school on the shoulders of the faculty. According to the briefing, in order to accomplish the goals outlined and give the faculty more input into the school environment, faculty members, including administrators,

members, depending on the work load which each committee is planning to accomplish."

McNamara said that the administration will be on an equal level with the rest of the faculty.

"Unlike a traditional system, where the administration is at the top of the decision making chain, in this system the administration is included as part of the faculty and has one vote, just like everyone else," McNamara said.

The administration will provide financial and legal backing for the committees, as well as perform clerical work. The faculty committee system will be evaluated

in January of 1991, at which time the committee chair-people will present their achievements and the merits of the program will be reviewed.

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may volunteer to serve on one of seven committees.

According to McNamara, response to the faculty committees has been good and each committee will most likely consist of "16 or more



## Level two to be weighted same as level three

BY DEBRA MAYERS  
Staff Reporter

Beginning next year, all grades earned by students in level two classes will carry the same weight as those earned by level three students.

The decision to equate the grade weighting of the two levels came Feb. 26 following a vote by faculty members. The final tally was 87 to 38 in favor of the proposed change.

Shaker's achievement committee, formed six years ago to address the

lack of achievement among minorities, has been discussing the issue of level weighting since the beginning of the 1988-89 school year. The committee consists of approximately 16 teachers, counselors and other faculty members, and is chaired by Push-Excel Coordinator Mary Lynn McGovern.

The change is designed to give students in level two classes a better chance to succeed than they can under the present system, McGovern explained.

"My feeling is that just because a student's skill level is not what is re-

quired in regular college prep courses because they need a strengthening of skill, then our job is to address that area with programs that will indeed accomplish that," McGovern said. "Just because that is their situation does not mean we should subtract points for the work they do."

Economics teacher Sal Fabrizio opposes the change.

"I do not believe that you should reward those who are not working as hard," Fabrizio said. "If level two is really equal to level three, why not do away with level two?"

## Students given option to take college courses

BY STEPHEN LEE  
News Editor

A bill enacted by the Ohio legislature last October will give juniors and seniors the option to enroll part or full time in state-approved colleges, universities and technical schools beginning with the 1990-91 school year.

The Post-Secondary Enrollment Option is part of Senate Bill 140 which

was enacted in an effort to improve education throughout the state.

If a student elects to participate in the program for high school credit, a proportionate share of the district's state financial aid will be transferred to the college or university. Fees and tuition for courses taken for college credit must be paid by the student.

A notice informing students in grades 10 and 11 of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option was sent out on Feb. 28.

## Figgie (from Front Page)

roads, and on Scottsdale Boulevard at Warrensville and Lee roads, have been the subject of controversy since the late 1970's when they were erected. While Shaker has justified the use of these blockades to control traffic, Cleveland officials have maintained that the use of the diverters is an attempt to keep Cleveland residents out of Shaker.

During negotiations, Cleveland proposed a conditional lease, in which Shaker would be responsible for the removal of the barricades. Shaker refused to discuss the issue of the barricades as a result of the deal, the communities would remain responsible for the funding of public services, as well as subsidize the expansion and repairs of roads and bridges.

Shaker Heights is not a participating member of the Figgie project. Despite the tax revenues received by each participating community as a result of the deal, the communities would remain responsible for the funding of public services, as well as subsidize the expansion and repairs of roads and bridges.

Shaker declined to become involved in the project because the upcoming tax revenues would not be able to be used towards schools.

## Two boys rescued from lake

BY STEPHEN LEE  
News Editor

A Sunday afternoon walk almost ended in disaster for two Shaker boys, age 10, who fell through the ice of one of the Shaker Lakes.

Gilbert O'Conner and Davey Homans, both fourth graders at Onaway Elementary School, were walking O'Conner's dog on Sunday afternoon when they wandered on to the frozen Marshall Lake.

According to Linda O'Conner, Gilbert's mother, the boys were skating around on the surface in their boots for approximately 10 minutes before the ice broke. Gilbert and the dog fell in the water first, followed by Davey.

A passer-by saw the boys struggling and thrashing about, and went to the nearby house of Charlotte Levy for help.

Levy, who lives on the west end of the lake, said that guests were just leaving her house when the passer-by approached her and instructed her

to dial 911. Firefighters and police arrived "very quickly," according to Levy.

Meanwhile, the passer-by had returned to the lake, calming the boys, coaching them how to stay afloat and "giving them heart," as Linda Homans, Davey's mother, put it.

After the fire department arrived at the scene, several firefighters ventured out on the lake in a small aluminum rowboat which Levy had offered them. The boys and the dog were pulled out of the lake after spending approximately 15 minutes in the icy water. Both boys were taken to St. Luke's Hospital, where they were treated for hypothermia and released.

Garp, the O'Conners' springer spaniel dog, was fed and taken care of at the Police Department.

"This was a thing where everyone involved ended up feeling good," Linda Homans said. "It was an all-win situation. You do not get that very often."

"I'm just glad that nobody got hurt," Levy

said.

Although the passer-by left the scene without identifying himself, O'Conner said she was contacted by him later on. Both mothers extended their gratitude to the man, who was "the real hero" in Levy's eyes.

In addition, O'Conner and Homans praised the fire and police departments for their quick response.

"Our fire department and police are very wonderful," Homans said. "We live in a great community."

The boys, described by Levy as "darling little kids," had recovered enough to attend school the next day, but have been distracted by the media attention, according to Homans.

Homans said she is not sure her son has learned a lesson from his experience.

"Davey feels like this was the best adventure in his life," Homans said. "He does not realize that he has totally missed the point—that he has no judgement and has jelly-for-brains!"

**RIGHT ON TRACK.** Senior non-hurdler Aaron Henry attempts to clear a hurdle on the track. Shaker athletic facilities, classrooms, laboratories and playgrounds would benefit from the passing of a \$10 million bond issue, to be placed on the May 8 ballot.

Photo by Hallie Watson.



## Musicians show off talent at contest

Members of Shaker's bands, choirs and orchestras participated in the Ohio Music Association (OMEA) Solo and Ensemble Contest on Feb. 10.

The event, hosted by Lake Erie College, involved students from 40 different high schools in the northeast Ohio region.

Selections were performed by 120 Shaker music students, who accumulated a total of 125 "Superior" ratings and 47 "Excellent" ratings.

### JETS TEAM TAKES FIRST

A team of science students captured first place for large schools in the

Junior Engineering and Technical Society's (JETS) Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science held at Cleveland State University on Feb. 21.

Representing Shaker were seniors Eliana LeVine, John Olynky, Josh Polster, Matt Knepley, Kathy Chang, Austin Ratner, and juniors Ben Leis and Heather MacDonald.

The team was coached by science teacher John Schutter.

### LEIS WINS AWARD

Junior Ben Leis was named winner of the annual Bausch & Lomb Science Award on Feb. 28, which is presented each year to winners at more than 8,800 participating schools

throughout the United States and Canada.

As winner of the award, Leis is eligible for one of several four year Bausch & Lomb Science Scholarships at the University of Rochester.

### THEATRE NEWS

The student production "Wiping Away the Tears," written by seniors Michael Dale, Jennifer Bliss and Dancena Glover will be presented March 23 and 24 at 8 p.m.

"New Stages IX" will be presented March 15 - 17 in the Stage 3 theater.

The four pieces were written by seniors Mike Dawson and Varissa McMickens and juniors Kim Forward and Sarah Mallin.



# Heights students walk out

Prior to the Feb. 15-16 walk out, Heights students met with each other to discuss their feelings on the alleged discrimination toward blacks at Heights High School.

*Photo courtesy of Black and Gold.*

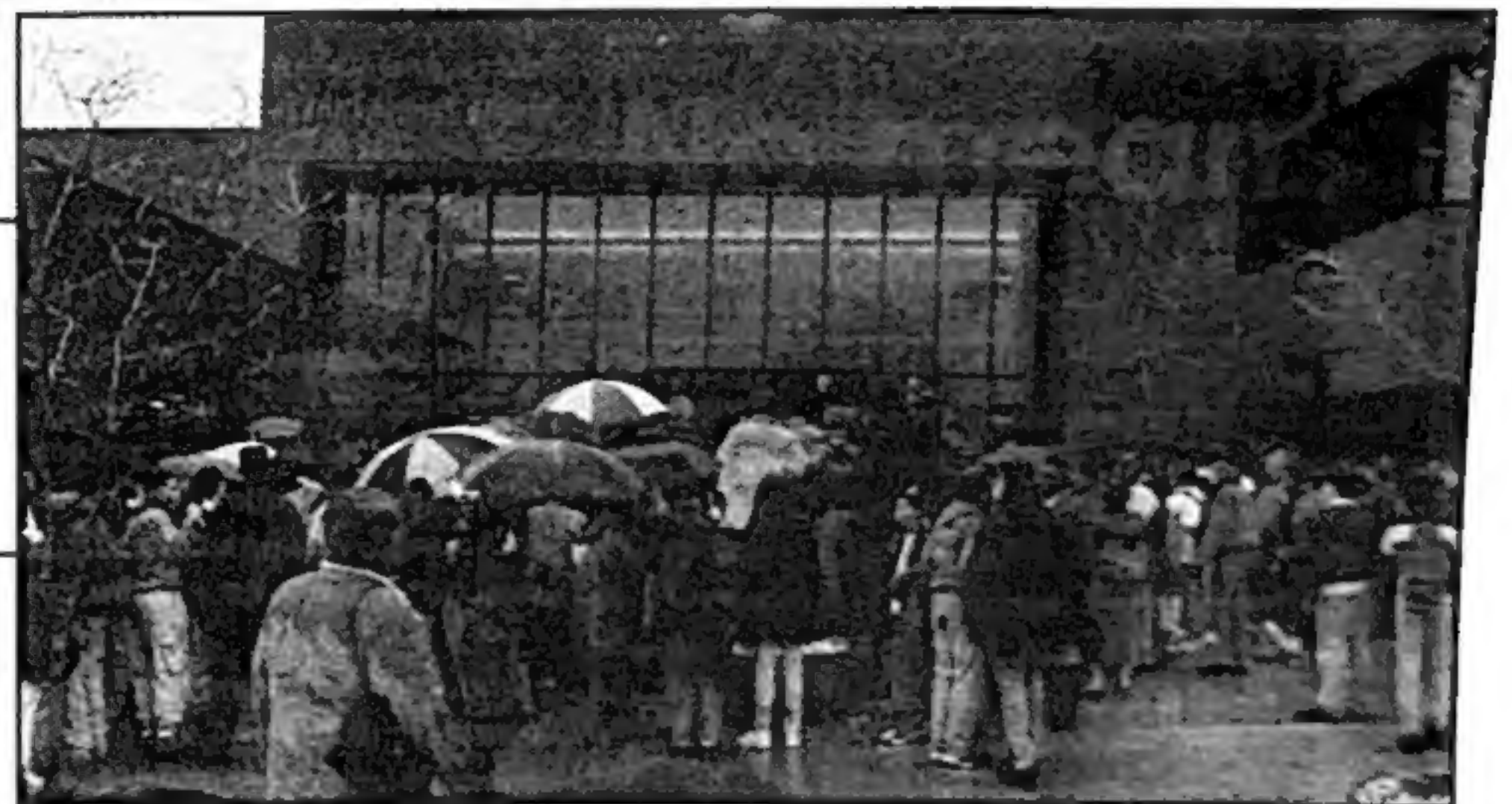


Conducting two days of non-violent demonstrations, 300 to 400 Heights High students boycotted classes Feb. 15-16 to protest the administration's alleged racist policies.

*Photo courtesy of Black and Gold.*



Those same days, the Heights students marched to the Cleveland Heights City Hall to further their demonstrations against alleged discriminatory policies and actions. *Photo courtesy of Black and Gold.*




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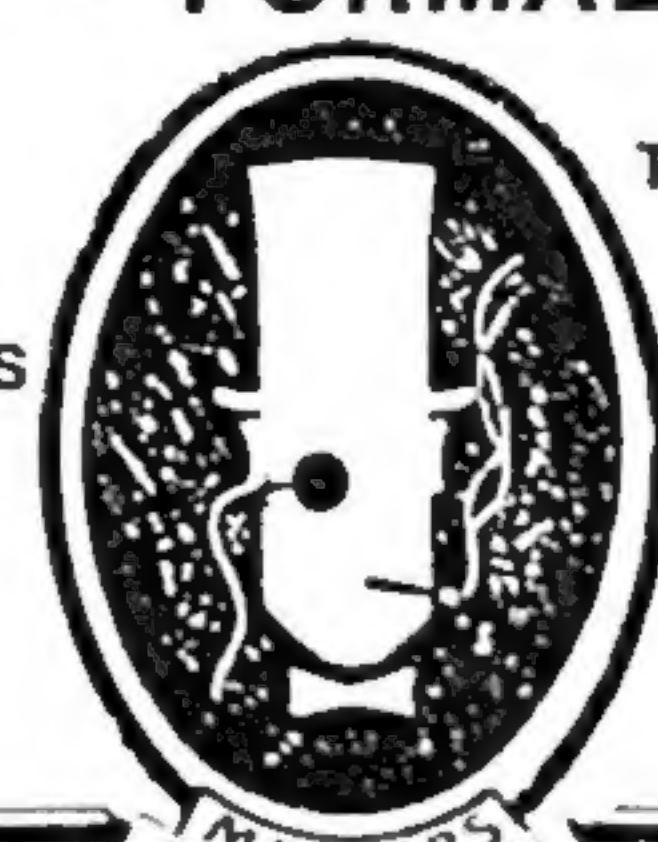
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# PD's Figgie coverage irresponsible

So, it's Shaker Heights bashing time again.

Just step right up and see Cleveland City Council suffer magnificent indignities at the hands of evil Shaker officials. See Shaker's citizens accused of snobbery and arrogance. And read all about it in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The PD's recent coverage of the Figgie negotiations has been irresponsible and libelous. Staging Shaker as the conceited aggressor and Cleveland as the harmless underdog, the PD went on to present this issue in an intolerable manner.

It seems that both Shaker and Cleveland have been at fault during the course of these negotiations. After discovering Shaker must legally have a say in the Figgie talks, Shaker did not calmly enter the negotiations but threatened not to sign an agreement until Cleveland renewed the leases of the Nature Center and the Marshall Lakes to Shaker. Cleveland then retaliated by entering the Shaker traffic barricades issue, previously irrelevant to the Figgie issue, as a bargaining chip.

With both cities in some error, it makes little sense why the PD defended one side—and the issue was confusing

enough without the PD slanting its stories. One no longer has to wonder why a myriad of wire service articles appear throughout the PD. After coverage like this, we too would not trust our reporters.

The Figgie issue holds a serious impact on Greater Cleveland. No matter how strongly the PD feels toward an issue, it should restrain itself, report the facts in news articles and let the people make their own decisions.



A PD editorial on the issue would not be harmless at all. We would much rather see a straight forward opinion on the Op-Ed pages than seeing one side, namely Shaker, being boxed around unjustly in the news articles. The final blow came when Brent Larkin's commentary on Shaker's pompous image appeared in the PD on the front page of the Metro section, a news page. This column placement further reflects the PD's libelous coverage and sensational tone.

In the future, we hope the PD realizes its deep responsibility as "Ohio's Largest Newspaper." Not only was Shaker treated unfairly, but it was mistreated in news coverage. That's not just unjustified abuse, that's bad journalism.

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Coverage, policy criticized, student clarifies position, defense of pro-choice offered

To the editor,

We are very disappointed with the Shakerite concerning lack of positive portrayals of blacks, especially during Black History Month. *Because student body, this neglect and lack of interest on your part is insulting. There is history being made with the inauguration of the first black governor ever in Virginia, and Mandela's release. Regardless of these events, the Shakerite doesn't even consider it important enough to mention. Instead, we are overwhelmed with three separate articles on gangs. For Black History Month you should have devoted some time to write about black achievement at the very least. If not on a world-wide scale, write about what's happening right here. We have written, produced, directed and choreographed a Black History Play to be performed in March, but you still choose not to print anything significant about our efforts. These achievements are important to the black students at Shaker (which is the majority of the student body). Spare us five redundant pages on abortion, stories on carnations and a whole page on capital punishment. Try to focus on history being made today! A lot of students who receive the Shakerite will read*

all of it for a change.

Jennifer Bliss, Senior  
Wiping Away the Tears, Black Pride Throughout the Years Committee

To the editor,

As always, I was greatly impressed with the last issue of the Shakerite. It contained articles which were both entertaining and informative. However, the Shakerite does not live up to its name and its responsibility as a public forum. Many students are unable to become staff members because they do not have a free period in which to take the required journalism course. In addition, the paper's policy of considering an article submitted by a guest writer for publication is obviously not taken seriously by the editors; I submitted an article personally to Mrs. Schwartz, the Shakerite advisor, two months ago, and have yet to hear from any member of the staff concerning either its publication or its rejection. If the Shakerite is truly to become a voice for the student body, the journalism requirement must be abolished and the procedure for guest writing better defined. Give capable students who enjoy it the chance to write.

Ted Folkman, Sophomore

*In regard to the last letter, the Shakerite does not routinely accept submitted, guest written material. Submissions are generally to be in the form of letters, signed and dated, and are subject to some relevance to the general readership. Anyone wishing to submit a guest piece must talk to an editor specifically.*

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To the editor,

I believe that people misunderstood what I was trying to express in Josh Levy's article, "Students face social and moral decisions about sex." I meant to say that rather than making up excuses a way to back out of sex, we should speak up and admit our fear. Many people say that they don't want sex because they're not in love. This could be a true reason, but from what I hear, these people are really too afraid. I wish people would admit their fear. That's all I really meant in the article. There's nothing wrong with being afraid. One guy told me that if he was a girl, he'd never have sex because of the fear of pregnancy. I hope my explanation clears up what I was trying to say.

Dana Schlang, Junior

To the editor,

I am pro-choice for the following reasons. First of all, I believe in a woman's right to control her own body. The pro-life movement, by denying a woman the right to an abortion and thus control over her own body, implies that the female sex, as a whole, is incompetent to make decisions independently. This is simply not true.

Secondly, birth control, simply stated, is any method used to prevent the birth of an unwanted child resulting from sexual intercourse. Birth control is legal in all forms, whether it is a condom, a diaphragm or an abortion.

Thirdly, the pro-life stance is not based on any coherent facts. When a movement is not based on facts, it takes an emotional standpoint. I challenge anyone to try and win a debate by taking a solely emotional standpoint.

Lastly, if a woman wants an abortion, she will have one done, legal or not. If abortion remains legal, women will continue to have sterile, safe abortions. If made illegal, women will most probably have unsafe abortions.

I ask you, should we as a country revert back to the degradation of women that took place before Roe v. Wade?

Eric Rickin, Sophomore

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## RAP: It's my perogative

Although rock-and-roll is still the most popular form of music with 48 percent of the student body listening to it, rap music has become a close second with 34 percent.

"Rap pumps me up," sophomore David Boase said. "I like the way it sounds, its beats and its rhythms."

Rap started in the ghettos of New York City as a form of musical expression said junior Kenyon Johnson. Johnson, also known as Kenny O, has been rapping for six years and, in 1988, won the Cleveland Rap Championships. At first, listeners of rap music were almost all black. Later, rap moved into the suburbs and whites became involved, according to Johnson.

"Both my white and black friends listen to rap music," senior Major Harrison said. "Personally, I listen to rap right before a wrestling match—it gets my adrenaline flowing."

Students currently display their talents in rap and other music areas at the talent show; however, some students feel that rap should be further incorporated into the daily routine.

"With the school being half [white] and half [black], more should be done with rap," Johnson said. "If a student goes into a science class and the

**“**If a student goes into a science class and the teacher could rap all day, then people who are not doing well now could come out of there with A's. Rap makes it more interesting and catches the people's attention."  
**—KENYON JOHNSON**

teacher could rap all day, then people who are not doing well now could come out of there with A's. Rap makes it more interesting and catches the people's attention."

Since rap music was created, two types have evolved, called hard core and mellow by Johnson. Hard core rap has lyrics that are more imaginative and violent in nature while in mellow rap, the artist can express himself through more positive lyrics.

"Being a rapper, I can only express myself through hard core rap. The lyrics just wouldn't sound right otherwise," Johnson said.

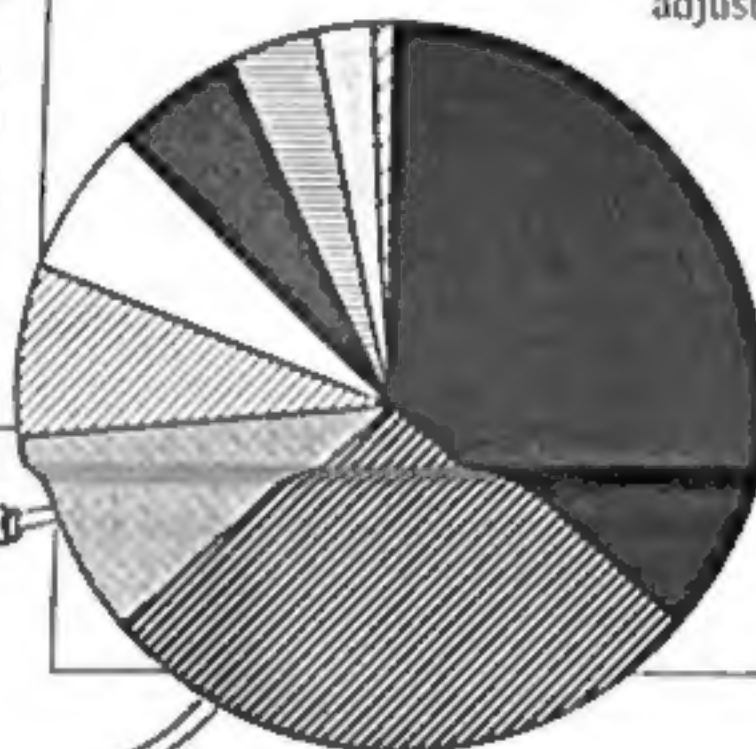
Others who also enjoy rap tend to listen to more mellow rap.

"I do not like the violent type of rap that talks about sex, drugs and money. The rap I listen to talks about race relations and things like that," Harrison said. "I really don't like the militant rap that talks about black power; I think it brainwashes kids into thinking blacks are superior."

# STATE OF Culture

## Survey says: Students reveal musical, political, social views

Between Feb. 22 and Feb. 28, 1990, the Shakerite surveyed 159 students about their political opinions, music tastes and other interests.



☐ Rock n' Roll  
☒ Rap  
☐ Rhythm & Blues  
☐ New Wave  
☐ Classical  
☐ Jazz  
☐ Heavy Metal  
☐ Reggae  
☐ Country/Western

1. What kind of music do you usually listen to? (Although people were asked to respond with only one answer, some circled more. Percentages have been adjusted accordingly.)

2. How many books do you read a month outside of class?

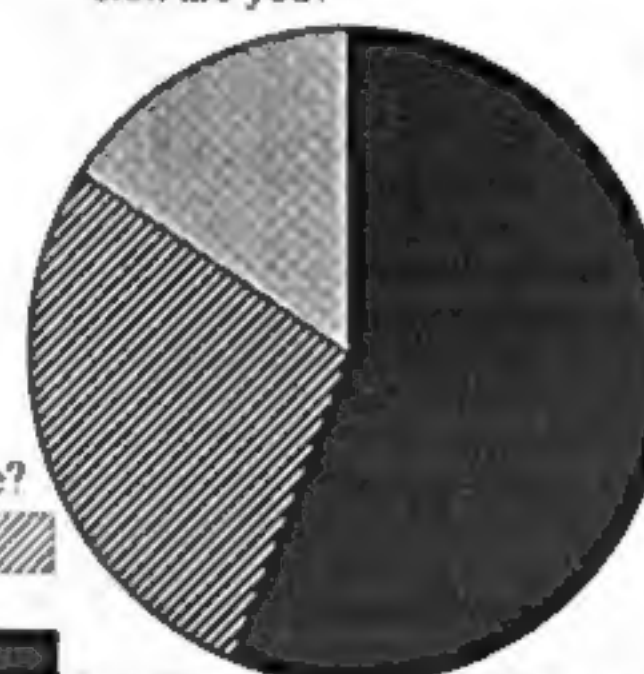
0 - 6%  
1 - 43%  
2 - 27%  
3 - 12%  
4 or more - 12%

3. Do you think television has a big impact on your life?

Yes - 41%  
No - 59%

4. Where do you usually hang out? (See "Students hang out")

5. Of what political persuasion are you?



☒ Liberal  
☐ Conservative  
☐ Other

6. Do you think etiquette is important in our school?

Yes - 62%  
No - 38%

7. Do you tend to be open to new ideas such as music, politics, clothing or others?

Yes - 90%  
No - 10%

8. What is your definition of culture? Below are some of the responses.

### Culture is ...

Your way of life. It is a conglomerate of religion, race, nationality, what you eat, wear and say. It is impacted by what surrounds you.

The refined aspects of society such as music, theater and the visual arts.

The way a person is and how they develop their own ideas due to what influences them.

Your type of style and how you do your own thing.

What makes human beings, human beings. It keeps a line between us and the animal world to make yogurt.

## Students hang out Here, there and everywhere

Why do people hang out? It doesn't matter whether it's at the movies, the mall, a friend's house, Arabica or Steak and Gyros. Most students interviewed said that they hang out where their friends go.

"I go to Arabica frequently, partly because of the atmosphere," sophomore Rachel Lowenthal said. "Besides, I know many people who hang out there also."

Other students felt the opposite.

"I hate Arabica. I hate the atmosphere, it bothers me that people just sit around there all day and drink coffee," freshman Keith Joseph said.

There are not many students who are connoisseurs of Greek cuisine. In fact, some indicated that they went to a certain place simply because everyone else went there, too.

"I go to Steak and Gyros a lot. I like it because it's a place where a lot of people go to meet," senior Bryan Barragato said. "I meet with my friends there and then go to a party or something."

If hanging out is just being with your friends, it should not matter where you are, according to junior Chris Butler.

"I just go over to my best friend's house a lot. We watch TV or a movie or whatever. I just like being with my friends," senior Kent McCrea said.

Some take a more active approach to finding things to do.

"I go to the gym at Woodbury every weekend. I really like basketball and I play there with my friends," sophomore Brett Jones said. "I also like going to dances on the weekends, or sometimes I go to a movie. I go out with my friends because I want to have a good time."

## Diverse opinions divide students

From wearing seat belts to nuclear war, students express a wide range of political opinions on current issues.

Although some are skeptical of the results, according to a Shakerite survey, 56 percent of the student body said they are liberal in their political beliefs.

"There is probably a higher percent of conservatives and a lower percent of liberals than the numbers show, since a lot of kids tend to classify themselves inaccurately," social studies teacher Jerry Graham said. "The national trend has been to identify with the Republican Party, the one most would agree is more conservative. Nationally, Reagan and Bush are popular with the young people, but the Shaker student body is still far more liberal than other high schools in the area."

Although the country may be heading towards a conservative train of thought, some students still believe in the rights of the individual over those of the states.

"I always put the person's rights in front of other things," sophomore Rachel Lowenthal said.

"Everyone has the right to do what they want, as long as it does not infringe on other's rights, of course."

On issues such as welfare and the death penalty, the split between the conservatives and the liberals is visible.

"Welfare is necessary in this country," said senior Jill Johnson, who classifies herself as a liberal. "Not everyone who is on welfare is a lazy bum living off the rest of society. Welfare is a second chance and some people need it to get their feet back on the ground."

Of the 159 students surveyed, 28 percent said they are politically conservative.

"I do not think that people who kill other people should be allowed to live in our society," said senior Ernest DeJesus, who classifies himself as a conservative.

Liberal or conservative, more students than in the '60's and '70's, according to Graham, are politically apathetic.

"There are a lot of politically apathetic kids these days," Graham said. "People tend to think

that there needs to be a national crisis such as Vietnam or the Civil Rights Movement to call people to action, but there are many issues that are still out there, such as hunger, the environment, health care and abortion."

Although many students are not politically active, some do devote time to causes in which they believe.

"I am definitely pro-choice," sophomore Judi Miller said. "I have been to three pro-choice support rallies. One in Washington, D.C., and the others in Columbus and Cleveland."

The environment is another issue that has captured the attention of some students.

"I do not agree with the things the 'conservative' government has done with the environment," senior Hope Berens said. "We need to cut down on the amount of pollution, stop wearing furs and stop using styrofoam containers, especially in places like McDonald's, because our environment is important."

According to the survey, one percent of the student body consider themselves to be communist.

## 'To thine own self be true'

BY SARAH DAVIS  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

### COMMENTARY

We are all such tolerant people. We accept one another's individuality, different musical tastes and varied clothing styles. Right?

If you believe the Shakerite survey, then 90 percent of the school is open-minded.

Or, this statistic reveals that 10 percent of the school is aware of their actions.

Let's be honest with ourselves. If a large student wearing six nose rings and smiling with teeth that had never seen a toothbrush came into your math class and asked if he could share a book with you, would you immediately agree? Granted, some individuals might overcome their initial objections, but a majority of Shaker students would be very unwilling to come within 10 feet of this Different individual.

This is not to say Shaker students are especially discriminatory—all high school students are pre-occupied with who belongs and who does not.

"[Adolescents] see themselves as normal," English teacher Rosemary Merchant said. "Everyone who is not within their group is abnormal."

Groups within society create conformity. That is to say, during an assembly, I can tell where groups begin and end in any particular row when the hairstyles change. Each clique chooses, consciously or not, clothes, which hang-out locations are the place to be, and how much time is acceptable to admittedly spend on school.

These restrictions help each member establish his or her identity. "I am a football player" or "I am a band nerd." This name dictates, to a certain extent, the actions of each person, so that all deeds can be perceived as group activities. For instance, "Yes, I failed my quiz, but so did Everyone Else." Everyone Else stands for this student's friends.

Within each group, there are acceptable limits for individual thought and creativity. Very few groups have ever been able to effectively control minds. Still, definite limits on behavior are in place, and beyond them lies The Weirdest Zone.

In this strange and terrible dimension, people the same age as we act as though they have a mind of their own. They say things in public we would never think to express, they walk to an original beat and they are not to be trusted because their actions cannot be predicted. Quite simply, they are Different.

"Did you see that new kid?" I was asked the other day. "He is just so weird—where does he find those clothes?"

In his classes dominated by students who tend to dress and think conservatively, this student has been effectively ostracized. Only in classrooms where there happen to be students who dress as he does is he accepted.

During the late 60's and early 70's, many claimed that America had entered an age of liberal tolerance. Still, the majority was liberal en masse, and to call someone conservative was an insult in many circles. Now, we all are conservative together, and the "liberal" minority is scorned.

No one wants to admit that he or she makes biased judgements. To be open-minded is an admirable goal, but for most of us, and our various cliques, true tolerance is unobtainable.

HAVE YOU SEEN THAT NEW DUDE? HE'S GOT SOME SORRY CLOTHES!

JUST TELL HIM TO STEP OFF IF HE COMES OVER HERE.



# Let's do the time warp Actors dodge meatloaf at movie

BY SHERI SPITZ  
Spotlight Editor

Performing to toast-throwing, line-shouting, "time-warp" dancing fans, the live cast of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" appears every week at the Cedar Lee movie theater.

As the audience shout out lines during the movie, they throw food at the screen and at the actors down front. They throw rice, toast and even meatloaf.

"I've been hit with frozen bagels, whole loaves of bread and I've had rice thrown directly in my eyes," said senior Meredith Schneider who plays Janet.

It is the audience participation that keeps people coming week after week according to sophomore Ethan McCarty who plays Eddie.

"Rocky Horror" started out as a bad parody of movies. The movie itself is crummy. Without

the audience participation, the movie would be awful," McCarty said.

McCarty and Schneider belong to a cast called "The Unnameable Dread." Every cast in the country has a name which is taken from a line in the movie. Cedar Lee found its name every Saturday night the cast goes to "Rocky Horror," gets in free, stands in front of the movie screen and acts out every word their character utters and every gesture made, right down to facial expressions.

"We don't ever rehearse. I still have to glance at the screen occasionally," McCarty said. "I've seen the movie almost every weekend for the last four years, probably 150 to 200 times."

The storyline centers around a transvestite named Dr. Frankenfurter from Transylvania who aims to create the perfect man, Rocky.

"[My character, Eddie] was Dr. Frankenfurter's first experiment. [Dr. Frankenfurter] takes half of my brain and gives it to Rocky," McCarty said. "[Eddie is] frozen in suspended animation and drives out on his motorcycle. Dr. Frankenfurter kills me and everyone eats me for dinner. They don't know they are eating me at first and they get really grossed out when they find out. I am served as meatloaf, which is a joke in itself because in the real movie, the part is played by Meatloaf [a rock singer]."

Eddie's uncle Dr. Scott is acted out by senior Cori Lovinger. Dr. Scott is a science teacher in a rural Ohio high school.

"He goes looking for his crazy nephew, Eddie, who is missing," Lovinger said. "He finds a castle which is filled with all these transvestites, and by the end of the movie he becomes one, too."

Janet enters the castle and is stripped. Schneider is stripped as well down in front of the screen and for a majority of the movie, she walks around in a bra and a slip.

"At first when they asked me to play the part, I wouldn't do it, but now it's really kind of

fun. I mean when you think about it, it's like being on the beach —only if I wore this to the beach I would probably be arrested," said Schneider. "It's funny because you can wear the tiniest bikini to the beach and it's okay, but if you wear a bra and a girdle, you can be arrested."

Dr. Rich Gunning plays the part of Dr. Frankenfurter. Gunning is 31 years old and a resident at the Cleveland Clinic. He has been going to "Rocky Horror" since 1982.

Gunning first saw "Rocky Horror" in college. That year he needed a costume for a costume party and settled on a version of Riff Raff, Dr. Frankenfurter's assistant. The costume was a hit.

Gunning was a part of a cast in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which he said was the second best in the country. Three members of his cast won awards at the 10th anniversary special in New York in 1985.

"After a while, I had to drop out of the cast because my time was taken up with medical school. After a year though, I had more time and

filled the role of Riff Raff, but they needed a Rocky. I had a blond wig and gold shorts, so I decided to go for it. In January of 1988 I moved into the role of Dr. Frankenfurter. By that time I had gotten a nose job and my nose looked more like Frank than Riff Raff."

After moving to Cleveland, Gunning saw "Rocky Horror" at Coventry. When the theater closed he followed the movie to its present location at Cedar Lee.

"We put together a cast [at Cedar Lee], which was not very diligent at first, but now we have a very diligent one.

They are not as good as Milwaukee, but they are very dedicated," Gunning said.

The cast makes their own sets and their own costumes. They all dress as their characters do.

"Everyone pays a dollar a week when we need to buy or rebuild something, like now, for instance. We need to rebuild [a prop]," said Lovinger.

Regardless of the dues, the cast of "Rocky Horror" continue to dedicate themselves.

"I am a real die-hard Rocky fan. I even painted it on my jacket," said McCarty. "I started going when it was at Coventry. I noticed they didn't have an Eddie and I had the leather jacket. So I decided to start playing the part. The people are really fun and they get really into it."

**"**They had already filled the role of Riff Raff but they needed a Rocky. I had a blond wig and gold shorts, so I decided to go for it."

-DR. RICH GUNNING

# ROCKY HORROR



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## Prince Eric receives 'Best Hunk' award

BY MOLLY SHAFER  
Staff Reporter

Actors are preparing their speeches, hairdressers are armed with hair spray cans so the lucky winners can excitedly rush up on the stage without a single strand falling out of place. The whole country is waiting with wear this year.

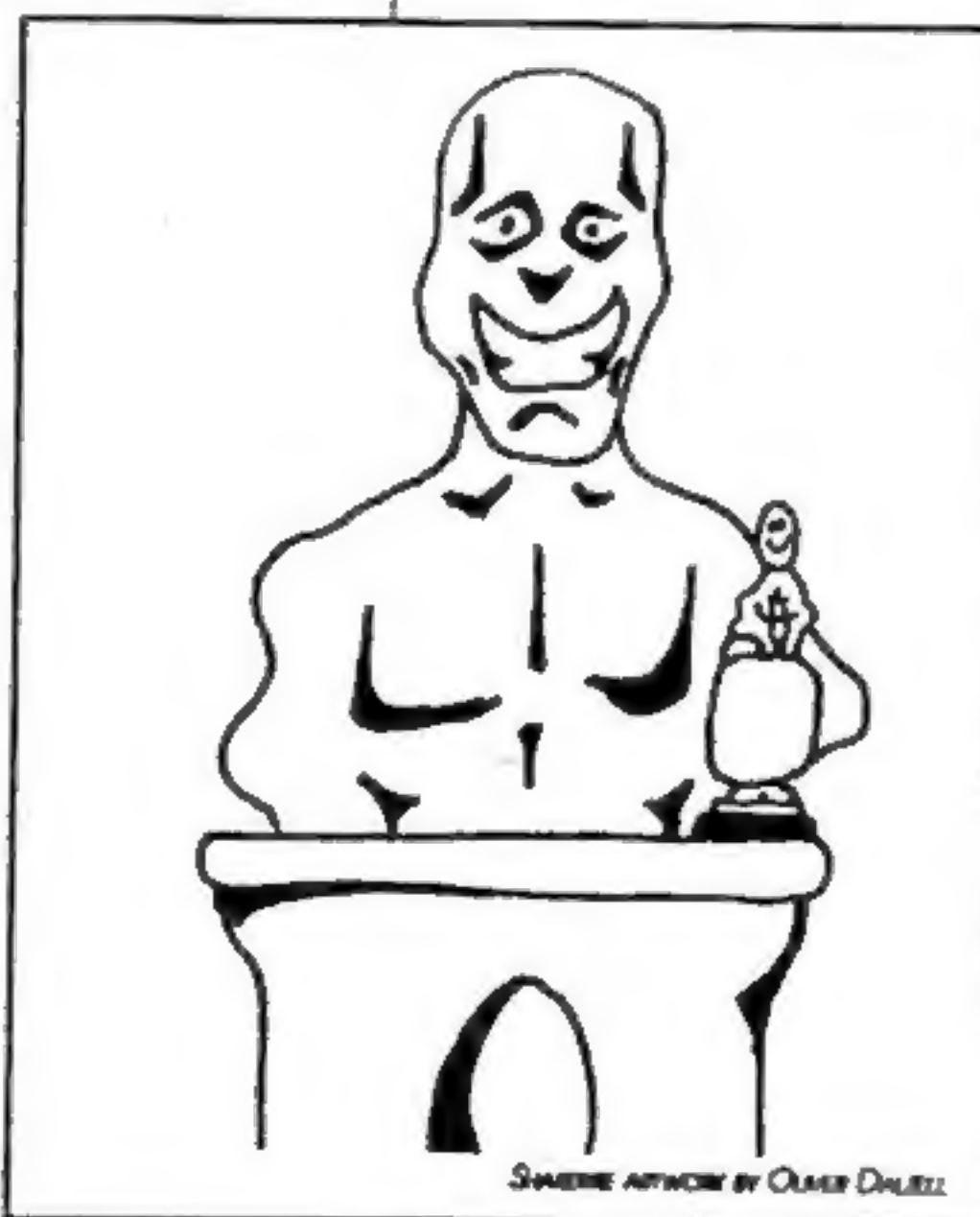
It's Oscar time again.

Predicting the winners of the same old categories gets boring year after year. So I've decided to add some excitement with new categories.

The envelope please. . . For the new category Best Hunk in a motion picture, the winner is (excuse me, I mean, the Oscar goes to) Prince Eric from "The Little Mermaid."

What a guy! Beautiful, flawless, and of course, imaginary (which is how he can afford to be so perfect!)

To take his side on the throne of glory, for Best Hunkette, Julia Roberts from "Steel Magnolias." She is the only sane and gorgeous character in a movie



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filled with insane and ugly women.

It's only fitting that after the Hunks, the next category should be the Most Humorous Provocative Scene in a Rated "R" or less Movie. The hands down winner is the deli

scene from "When Harry Met Sally." If you don't know what I'm talking about, rent the movie. And if you don't want to be embarrassed, make sure that your parents aren't in the room.

For the Most Horrifying While at the Same Time, Not as Good as the Book, Horror Film, "Pet Sematary" takes top honors. Gage, the nightmare. He slices ankles like a hot knife through butter!

My only negative award is the Ugliest Movie Couple. The Oscar clearly goes to Martha Plimpton and Keanu Reeves of "Parenthood." People who look ugly separately should never be put together. Two negatives do not make a positive, at least not in movies.

For the Best Movie Vocabulary "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" is the obvious winner. Finally, a movie the normal person can understand. (Considering the vocabulary, that's a pretty sad statement.) But it was a bodacious movie, dude! Party on and be excellent to each other.

The Oscars committee seems to always forget summer movies, but not I. Summer Movie Actor Made Richest Off of Dumb Movies is Rick Moranis. He starred in "Honey, I Shrunk The Kids," "Ghostbusters II" and "Parenthood," with only the latter having any credibility.

For Most Disappointing Movie of the Year, "Back To The Future II" was a shoe-in. This movie was not made to entertain, but to force people to see its sequel, which has already been made and is set for release in the summer. I'm surprised Rick Moranis is not in it.

In order to hit the students right where they live the movie going home with the Oscar for Best and Only Movie Based in Cleveland for this year is Major League.

And now, for the most prestigious award of the year, the winner for Best Crab in an Animated Film is Sebastian Crab from "The Little Mermaid." He played his role with both enthusiasm and conviction.

The above categories may never be accepted by the Academy, but just remember this as you go to the video store to rent the movies that won Oscars: You've heard of my movies.



# Homeless left out in cold

BY JOSHUA LEVY  
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"I'm sorry man, you just can't stay here tonight. The shelter's packed. You'll just have to get here earlier next time."

Cleveland's homeless hear these words all too often from shelter staff members. Worse than sleeping in a shelter with 100 other homeless, many of whom have not showered in months, is being turned away.

With approximately 550 homeless Clevelanders every night, there are only 400 shelter beds available in the city, according to Director of the Cleveland Health Care for the Homeless Lisa Thomas. Thomas said that in addition to the 400 available shelter beds, Project Heat provides up to 35 cots a night for women and children at the First Methodist Church and up to 110 mats for men in the Justice Center auditorium.

"We've all been closed out at one point," said 34-year-old homeless Clevelander Andre DeBrossard. "You find an abandoned apartment or a nice restaurant manager and fall asleep in a chair. I've fallen asleep in bathroom stalls and in RTA stations. I can't fall asleep on the street."

Through the course of 1989, 10,000 Clevelanders were homeless, according to the Council for Economic Opportunity 1989 Poverty Indicators.

Executive Assistant to the City of Cleveland Director of Community Development Bill Resseger said that the public and private sectors must go beyond providing shelters and look at the impact it is to be made.

"You've got to deal with the drug and alcohol problems, the illiteracy problems, the domestic violence, the mental problems," Resseger said. "[Homeless providers are] dealing with the immediate problems, but if that's all, then these shelters will all be filled."

Cathedral Square Meals Director Terry Kain agrees that homeless providers must not be near-sighted regarding this issue. Kain said that job training is necessary to amend the situation.

"We need jobs for people to go to. Once jobs are available, you can train [the homeless]," Kain said. "But if there aren't jobs, there's no sense in educating them."

Bettering our educational systems is also key, Kain said, as our youths are making poor decisions.

"If you're a kid, you can either make minimum wage at McDonald's or sell drugs," Kain said. "And drugs pay a lot more."

According to members of Cleveland's homeless community, impoverished youths are not the only people seeking money. Some homeless believe that they are not being properly assisted, but merely put on display to attract grants for "band-aid" programs such as shelters and soup kitchens.

"You get 110 people into that Justice Center, and you get a lot of psychotic, disabled and severely mentally unstable people," 34-year-old homeless Clevelander Mike McGee said. "These homeless providers want the government and donating organizations to see these people. Many of these severely disabled people don't show up at the shelter more than once. But I've seen them every time. It's just to get money."

DeBrossard and McGee believe that a recent notice, announcing the closing of the Downtown Drop-In Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. to schedule individual counseling conferences was intended to exploit the homeless to the public.

"By closing the center, we'll be out on the streets in the morning when everyone comes downtown to work," DeBrossard said. "They'll see us and want to give money to the homeless providers."

While some homeless see themselves forced on the streets by these agencies, they are also forbidden to loiter in certain public places.

"People in society don't want to be reminded of homeless people, so we can't stand anywhere. You can't stand in the terminal, you can't stand there, you can't stand here. They

know being homeless is just a paycheck away," McGee said. "On the other hand, you've got these providers wanting us to be visible in the city, so they can get money."

DeBrossard said that he understands programs such as Project Heat are designed with intentions of helping the homeless, but he sees that nurturing programs of this nature only make the homeless less independent and less inclined to find jobs.

"NEOCH [The Northeast Ohio Coalition] 22 agencies which contribute money to NEOCH. Don't tell me we don't have the funds," DeBrossard said. "We need to consolidate the funds. If you take this homeless community, you've got a serious workforce. You've got people of all different skills."

Deputy County Administrators Stephen Rowan agrees that job openings are necessary to

rectify the homeless situation, but he added that the county and the private sector are doing their best.

"We have jobs that are constantly posted, but there are only so many. I think the public and private sectors are very sensitive to this problem," Rowan said. "Unfortunately, unskilled labor openings are limited."

McGee said that members of various agencies have told the homeless that they will establish long term, job training programs, but they have not worked. According to some homeless people at the Downtown Drop-In Center, much of the inaction is due to the poor relations between staff members and homeless persons.

"There's no meeting for the homeless community and the homeless providers. [Homeless providers] have all their meetings where we're excluded," DeBrossard said. "They trusted homeless people before and gave them paying jobs, but those homeless people used their pay checks for dope, and now we're paying."

Thomas said that she does deeply sympathize with the homeless, understanding the struggle to pay rent with such a great disparity between the homeless' general assistant checks and inflation.

Any single person whose monthly income is below \$580, receives \$143 a month from the county, and anyone with two children whose monthly income is below \$780, receives \$360 a month from the county, according to Thomas.

Rowan said that the CMHA only has a limited amount of resources with which to assist the homeless sector, the state legislature is in the process of placing the Housing as a Public Purpose Constitutional Amendment on the November ballot to legalize tax derived housing programs, according to Shaker Director of Community Service Donald L. DeMarco.

For now, a number of stumbling blocks exist, financial, legalistic or otherwise. DeBrossard, now on the NEOCH Board of Trustees, said that he is going to personally take action.

"I want to get these homeless people into the workplace," DeBrossard said. "You'll be seeing a lot of me - newspapers, T.V., radio. We can't keep going on like this."



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# Date Rape: When intimacy turns into violence and pain

BY SUSAN CONNELLY  
Feature Editor

"Maybe I shouldn't have worn my dress so short. Maybe I should have known not to go out on a date with him. Maybe I shouldn't have let him kiss me at all. But none of that matters. What matters is that I said 'no' to sex. When I said no and he forced me to have sex, it was rape, plain and simple. And no matter how hard you try, you just can't justify rape," said Rachel, a 17 year old victim of rape.

Just like 78 percent of all rape victims, according to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, Rachel knew her assailant. They went to school together. They had mutual friends, went to the same parties, and when he asked her to go with him to a party, both his and her friends said that they made a great couple.

"I look back now and think that maybe there is some way I should have known what was going to happen," Rachel said. "The fact is though, that he looks and acts just like a normal teenager. I think that is what is so scary that someone so normal could do something that terrible."

Rachel said that throughout the night her date was a perfect gentleman. They attended the party and had a good time. Near the end of the night, he asked her if she wanted to go for a drive.

"In retrospect, it is easy to say that it was stupid of me to go for a drive with him," Rachel said. "But I liked him a lot and I wanted to be alone with him, too. We drove up to the Metroparks and we started kissing and fooling around. At first it was nice, but then everything changed."

Rachel said that the further they went, the less gentle he became. She said that he began jerking her around and holding her arms back.

"At first I didn't think anything of it," Rachel said. "But then I began to feel as if he didn't even know I was there."

Rachel said that it became obvious that he wanted to have sex with her, although he never said a word to her. She said that she

When he didn't listen, Rachel said she just started saying "no."

"Finally I started yelling 'No! Get off of me!'" Rachel said. "I have always heard that saying no is enough, but he wouldn't listen. I began scratching him and tearing at his hair. He grabbed my hands and pinned them down. With one hand he covered my mouth, while his elbow and arm kept my hand down. Suddenly I realized that he was going to rape me and I thought 'My God, I can't believe this. What should I do?'"

When it was all over, Rachel said that she ran out of the car and ran to a phone and called a friend to pick her up.

"That is when the real nightmare began," Rachel said. "The friend who picked me up listened to my story. She then told me to stop lying to save my own reputation. That was the first time I cried."

According to Rachel, that was just the beginning of people not believing her. She said that even her best friends thought that either she was exaggerating the assault to some extent or that in some way she was responsible for it.

"Everyone said that nobody like him could do that," Rachel said. "I could not believe that people thought that I would make that up. When I went to school I had to see him laughing in the cafeteria, or sitting with our friends. People looked at me like I was the one who made it up, and that he was the victim."

*In order to preserve the anonymity of the subjects in the following articles, they will be referred to as Rachel and David. Neither of the subjects attend the high school.*

Moore also said that the victim should remember that no matter what the victim did or said, rape is never the victim's fault. Rape is an act of violence, according to the CRCC, for which women are not responsible. Moore said that often men rape out of anger towards women or to prove their masculinity. Moore also said that 87 percent of all rapists were victims of sexual abuse themselves.

Moore said men's actions are sometimes an indication to women that a man might be a potential risk. Moore identified men who are possessive of their dates and insist upon paying, choosing

what they wear, where they go or how they act. Using terms such as "chick", "freak", and "babe" or other degrading terms often is an indication that a man has a low image of women and might be capable of rape. Moore said that men like this not only have a low image of women but often expect sex in return for a date.

College freshmen and high school seniors should be especially aware of the risks of date rape as they are the most susceptible age group according to Moore. Moore reports that 15 percent of college freshman surveyed said they had been raped on a date.

Although date rape is surrounded by myths, it is very real in today's society. Anyone can be a rapist, and anyone can be raped.



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simply because throughout the night she had had fun with him, and because she had wanted to be alone with him. Because of people's responses to her rape, Rachel said that it was close to impossible for her to tell the authorities.

"I felt as if nobody believed me, and in reality I think nobody did," Rachel said. "He apologized to me the day after the attack, but after that he denied it ever happened. I talked to counselors, and the advice that they gave me was that if I took him to court, chances were that nobody would believe me. I wish I could have put him into jail, but I think that if the court stated that they did not believe me, I would really lose my sanity, and that is all that I had left."

For Rachel there was no happy ending. Her rapist went on with his life, and she struggled to go on with hers. The only regret Rachel said she has is that she did not go to court.

"I don't want to go to court for myself, but for other people," Rachel said. "It's not that I am a martyr; it is simply that I can't help thinking that if I and others had stood up and said that they [assailants] couldn't get away with this, then maybe people would not have the attitude that this is all right. Maybe I could make one person realize the pain and humiliation that comes with rape, even if it is someone you know."

## Date rape myths clarified

BY SUSAN CONNELLY  
Feature Editor

Rapists are always strangers. Boys that seem nice are not capable of rape. When a girl says no, she really means yes. Date rape is something girls make up to save their reputation.

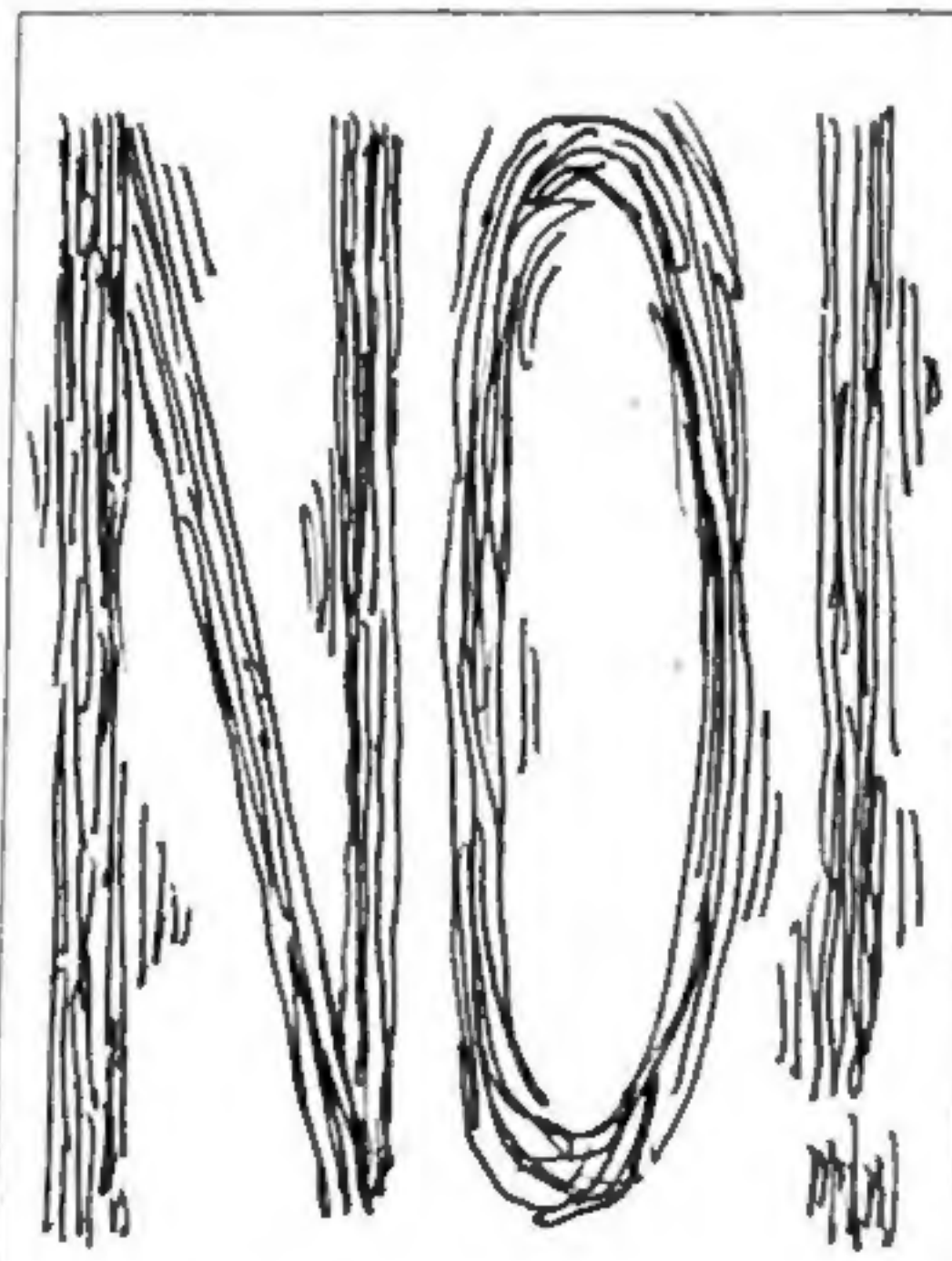
It is because of myths and misunderstandings like these that date rape, forcible sex by a victim's date or boyfriend, is a crime that has remained largely unreported.

The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC) estimates that one in every three females will be a victim of sexual assault sometime in her life. Out of all rapes reported, 35 percent are considered to be date rape.

However, according to Roland Moore, worker at the CRCC, one reason why date rape is still so hidden in today's society is because of the large percentage of victims that never report being raped.

"People are hesitant to report date rape for a number of reasons," Moore said. "Often they are afraid that they will not be believed, or they think it is their fault because they think they did something to cause the rape. Also, they are embarrassed around the people at their school or work. Sometimes they even don't report the rape because they still have feelings for the assailant and do not want to seriously hurt him."

Although Moore said that he sympathizes with these feelings, he said that he believes it is important to report the rape, regardless as to whether charges will be pressed, so that the victim has control over the situation.



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## No means no

BY SUSAN CONNELLY  
Feature Editor

"If I had to give advice to other boys, it would be that no matter what you think is right or fair, or what you think the girl wants, you have to listen to her if she says 'no'," said David, a 17 year old who admits to raping a date.

One year ago David said that he forced a date to have sex with him against her will. Although at the time David said that he really did not believe what he was doing was rape, now he says that he has come to understand what date rape is and how it is wrong.

"I didn't believe that I was truly forcing her to have sex. I thought I was urging her," David said. "She said 'no', but she seemed like she wanted to. I guess I gave her no choice. I still have trouble accepting that it is rape."

David is not the only man who has problems distinguishing the line of rape. According to the Plain Dealer, Dr. Neil Malamuth, a psychologist at the University of California, said that one half of all men surveyed said that they would force a woman to have sex if they knew they could get away with it. However, only 15 percent said that they would rape a woman.

"I think most guys just see it as sex and that it is good, not bad. It's hard because your friends congratulate you and tell you it's right, but then it's wrong," David said. "It's hard to see sex as a weapon."

David said that girls should be aware of how dangerous a position being intimate with a person can be.

"Even if he is the nicest guy, it is always dangerous," David said. "By wearing seductive clothing, or by fooling around with a guy, and then saying no, you're playing with fire. I am not saying girls deserve it, but guys are not likely to suddenly call it quits, even if they should. All I can say is make it clear. Even if he's a nice guy, right from the beginning you should say your intentions, and if he goes to far make him know that you mean no when you say it."



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# Tracing his roots: Cav's Ehlo is Wonson disciple

BY BRIAN RESNIK AND STACY SCHLEIN  
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Whenever any Shaker Heights High School student thinks of all the outstanding basketball players head coach Bob Wonson has worked with, usually Chris Painter, Vada Burnett or Malcolm Sims come to mind. Many people do not know that Wonson also coached Cleveland Cavalier Craig Ehlo.

During the two years Wonson was a volunteer coach at Washington State University, he worked with Ehlo.

Ehlo recalled some positive memories about Wonson.

"Wonson is a 'lifter upper'. He was always doing things to help you feel good about yourself," Ehlo said. "It seemed like he was never in a bad mood."

With the help of Wonson, the rest of the coaching staff at Washington State and a lot of hard work, Ehlo was able to improve his playing skills. He impressed the Houston Rockets enough to make him the first pick in the third round of the 1983 draft.

"I have a little talent," Ehlo said. "You have to have some to be where I am at. I do not have a lot, though. Work ethics and hustling on the floor keep me in the league."

After playing in Houston for three years Ehlo had the opportunity to sign a 10 day contract with the Cleveland Cavaliers in 1987 to fill in for Mark Price who was suffering from appendicitis.

Ehlo said that he wanted to make an impact on the Cleveland team and coaches. He also said that he thought he had a good chance to become a permanent part of the team.

Three years later, with early season injuries to other players, Ehlo is now a key starting player on the Cavs.

"When you are a starting player you are asked for more right off," Ehlo said. "Plus, you play more minutes. I think that is why

my shooting average is 44 [percent] now instead of my usual 48 [percent]. It's a lot harder."

Ehlo said that his strengths are rebounding and passing, although he has had some high scoring games.

"My best game was right after the Ron Harper trade in Atlanta," Ehlo said. "I had 31 points with nine assists and I had six or seven rebounds."

Ehlo's performance this year is already paying off. Earlier this year, he signed a four year extension on his contract worth \$3.5 million.

Of course, being a professional athlete has many advantages besides the money. Ehlo said that the best part of the job is having the afternoons off. As a result he is able to spend time with his wife and 18 month old daughter. His wife comes to all of the games to cheer for him.

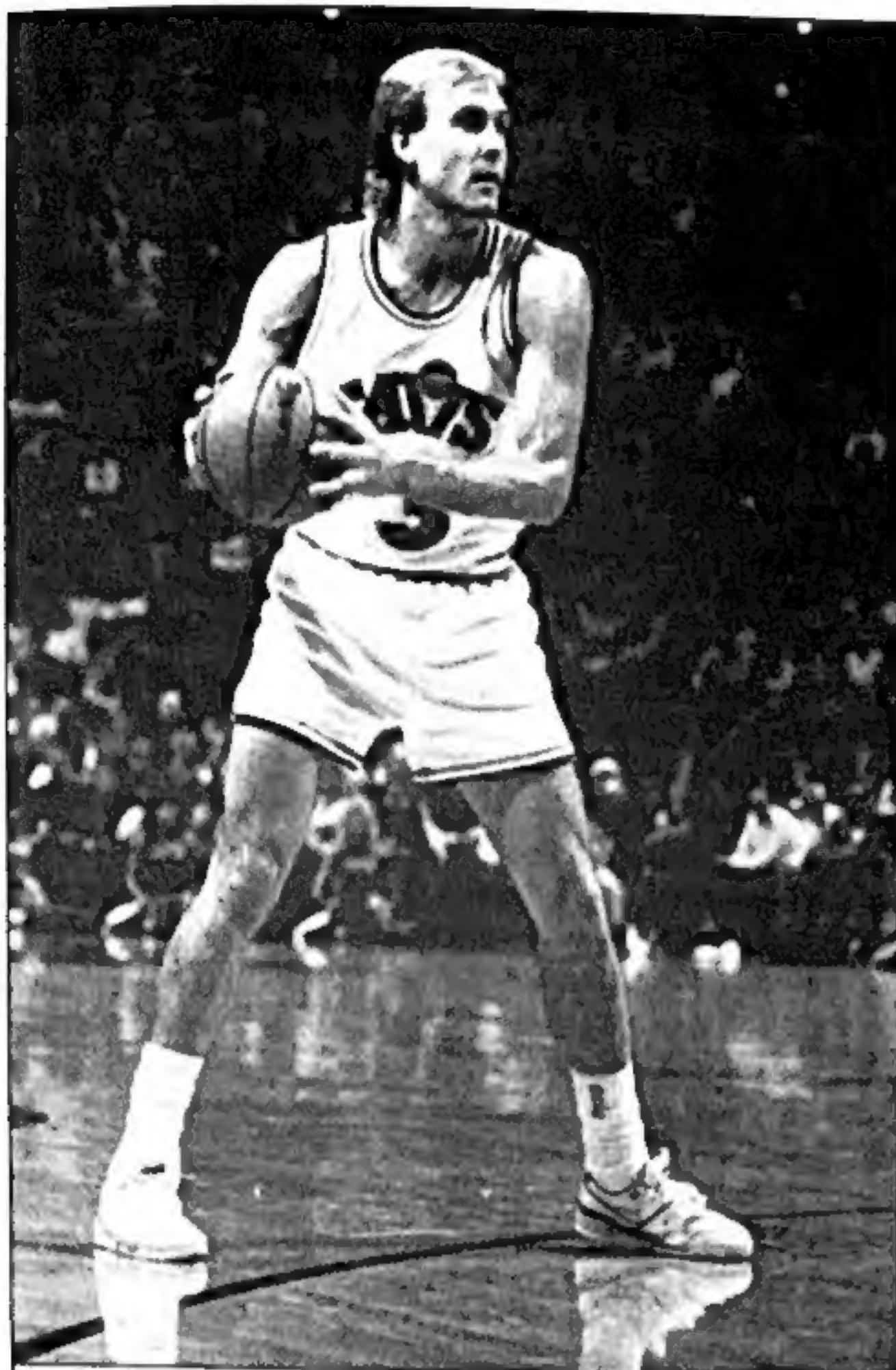
Although life as a professional athlete might seem like fun and games it is also a lot of hard work.

"People do not know the rigors involved in playing professional basketball," Ehlo said. "The hardest part is all of the traveling."

Recently, Ehlo and Steve Kerr devised a system to enhance their game. Ehlo keeps a little Pokey flexible doll wrapped up in his sock, while teammate Kerr has the matching Gumby figure.

During the past six years in the NBA, Ehlo has had both bad and good moments. He recalled one embarrassing time in his rookie year in Chicago.

"When I was a rookie, we were playing Chicago. I went out to take a charge on a guy. I fell and tore the top of my shorts. It didn't rip it bad, but it ripped enough so that you could see cheek. I had to play like that the whole game. At least I didn't get the foul," Ehlo said.



**EHLO FOR THREE.** Craig Ehlo of the Cleveland Cavaliers prepares to shoot a three pointer from the top of the key during a recent game. Photo courtesy of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

## Kukla cleans up sports teams

BY DANNY LEWIS  
Staff Reporter

When you walk down the halls of Boulevard Elementary School, you will probably see James Kukla sweeping the halls or cleaning classrooms. However, this softspoken man is not your ordinary custodian.

Kukla plays an active role in several Shaker sports teams and with the Richmond Heights recreation department. He is also employed by the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"I love working with the teams because I just love sports," Kukla said. "It is like a hobby for me."

On the professional side of the ball, Kukla is a statistician for the Cleveland Cavaliers. Kukla distributes statistics to the players and courtside fans.

He attends all 41 home games and any home playoff games. "I have worked with the Cavs for 13 years now, and I'll work

During this time he has received requests from some players. "I wish he'd boost my stats," Cavs forward Craig Ehlo said jokingly.

For three years, Kukla has been a part of both the football and boys basketball teams at Shaker. He operates the scoreboard for the basketball and football games. Kukla is also an assistant coach for the freshman football team.

In addition to his duties with these teams, Kukla works with the wrestling team.

"I set up the matches for the wrestling team," Kukla said. "I also used to work out with the heavyweights, but I had to stop because my knees are bad."

Assistant wrestling coach John Schwartz had praise for Kukla.

"Jim Kukla is the nicest guy in the world," Schwartz said. "He is very generous and he's there all the time ready to give you a

Away from the high school, Kukla previously helped out at the recreation department in Richmond Heights. His duties there included coaching girls summer softball, boys summer baseball and midjet football.

"They made a Jim Kukla Day in Richmond Heights because of all the work he had done there," Schwartz said.

Kukla has been the head custodian at Boulevard for two years. He has been a custodian for 14 years.

Kukla could not single out one job as his favorite because he enjoys keeping busy.

"I love all the jobs I do because I like to keep busy, but my favorite sport is football," said Kukla.

Kukla's peers sighted his knowledge of sports.

"He is a very good man. He has a good influence on the kids and he understands athletics," physical education instructor Alphonso Quinones said.

## Baseball lockout frustrates fans

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Lost amidst the complicated jargon and money involved with the current baseball lockout are the fans.

It is the fans who will miss out on spring training and perhaps the start of the regular season. Let's face it, spring without baseball is about as American as a Toyota.

I consider myself to be one of the biggest Indians fans in Cleveland. I attended 27 games last year, have Tribe paraphernalia in my room and I even own an authentic Indians jersey with my name on the back. This year for

Spring Break, I am making my first pilgrimage to Tucson to watch spring training. Or am I? With the current break in negotiations, it is beginning to look as though I will spend my week at the Grand Canyon looking at a hole in the ground.

In a world where the Berlin wall is a mere landmark, and the Soviets can vote for more than one political party, it is absurd that here in The United States people who play a game for a living can not reach an agreement. Perhaps Players Union Chief Donald Fehr should be replaced by Lech Walesa.

The players want their minimum salary to increase to \$112,500. The owners offer only \$85,000. I am upset because if the games aren't played, then I lose my \$3.50 handling fee on the tickets. The Cleveland Plain Dealer recently ran a picture of fans picketing. Their signs said, "The owners have a gold mine, the players get the gold and the fans get the shaft." I couldn't agree more.

So who are the bad guys? The players? The owners? I vote for both. The players want to play, but they still side with their union. The union has not budged on any issues. The owners have

sacrificed the issue of pay per performance. No matter who is justified in their actions, the fans lose.

Perhaps it is time for Major League Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent to step in and take a more active role. It seems ludicrous that the commissioner should have so little power. It has become obvious that Fehr and management spokesman Chuck O'Connell are unable to successfully talk to each other. It is time for them to realize that since this is the third lockout or strike in the past nine years, the fans are losing patience.

Some of the Pittsburgh Pirates have been quoted as saying that they just want to sign and play. Currently, many players are working out with local high school teams in Florida and Arizona.

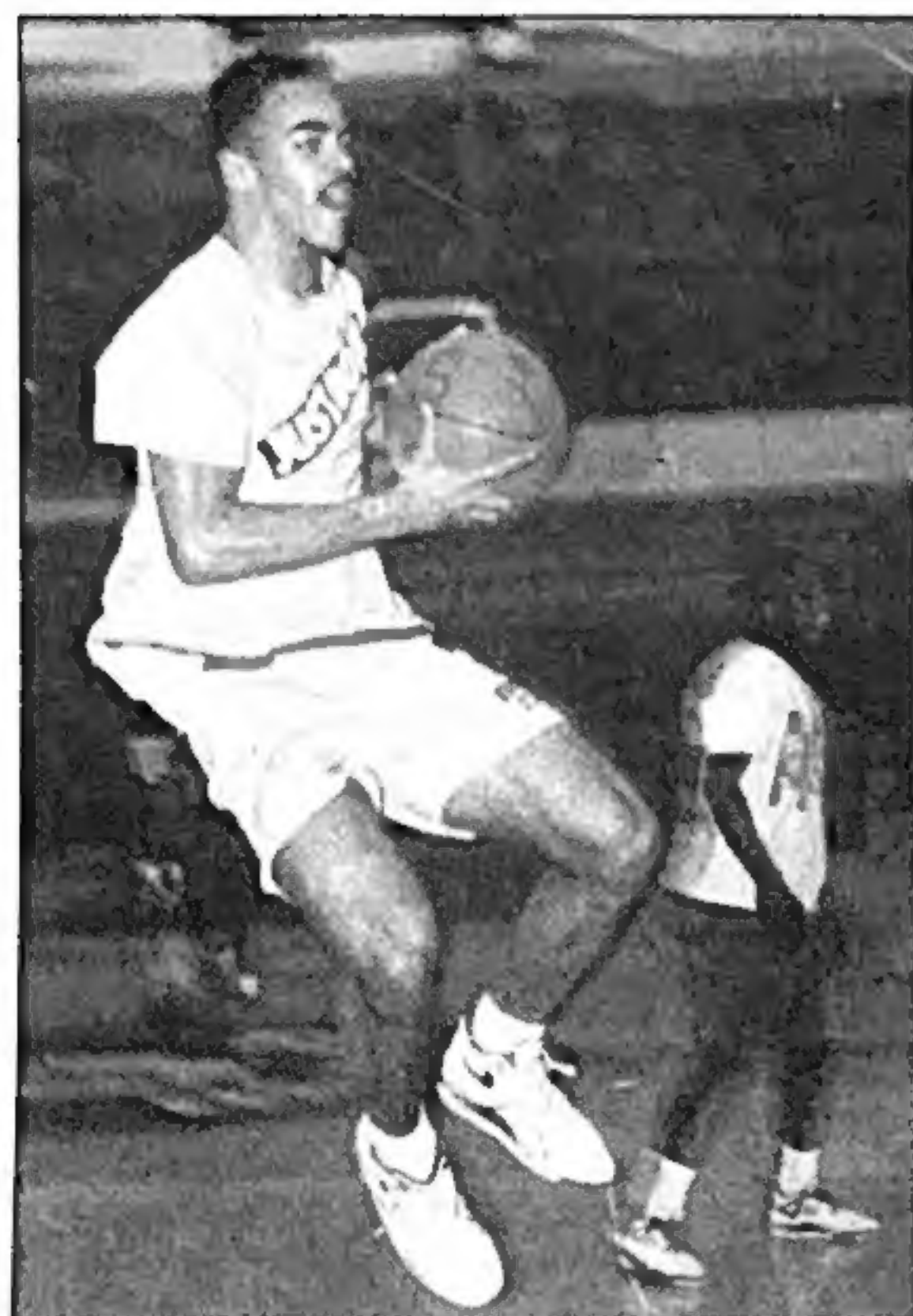
Considering the fact that the average salary among baseball players is above \$400,000, the union should take what they can get. It is pure greed. I feel no pity for anybody but the fans.

If there is no agreement before Spring Break, I plan to boycott all games in June and July. I will probably not be alone in showing my disapproval if there are any games to boycott.



# Raiders destroy the competition

## Three teams win LEL titles



**AIR UNDERWOOD.** During a recent practice for the final district game against JFK, Junior Doug Underwood works on his moves. Photo by Miles Molyneux

Three Raider teams had excellent seasons this year, winning the LEL and qualifying for post-season tournaments.

The boys basketball team, led by LEL MVP Malcolm Sims and all LEL selections Mike Matthews and Rufus Orr, defeated John Hay 75-61 and advanced to the final round of the district tournament where they defeated Cleveland's John F. Kennedy High School 83-62. They play the winner of last night's South High-Maple Heights game tomorrow at South.

Nine wrestlers advanced to the district meet. Sophomore Peter Nathanson and senior Parker Adrine advanced to the state meet in Cincinnati. The meet begins today.

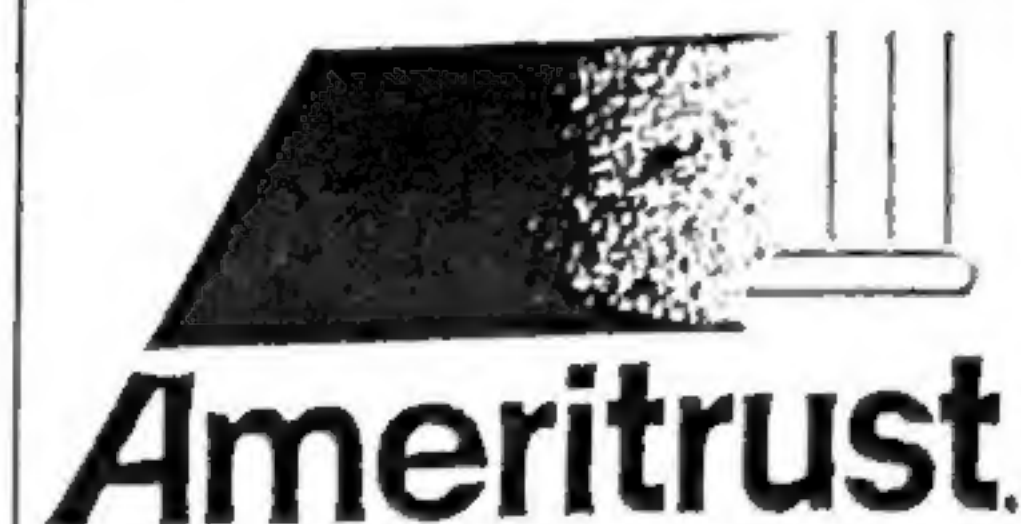
The girls swim team placed second in the district meet, and 12th in state.



**SWIMMIN' WOMEN.** Senior Stephanie Sexton waits for her race to start during the Feb. 9 meet against Orange. The Raiders won. Photo by Evan Weinstein



**DOWN FOR THE COUNT.** Pinning his opponent, sophomore Peter Nathanson wins his match during the Red Raiders victory over Heights. Nathanson was one of nine wrestlers to qualify for the district meet. Photo by Evan Weinstein



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